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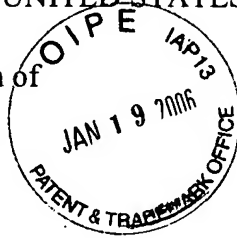
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance asserts that "Hot Shots Golf 3 does not teach a single dot for each grid line and the speed of the dot varying depending on the slope of the putting green." Applicants disagree and believe this is a typographical error. As noted in the response of December 12, 2005 and as discussed at the November 21, 2005 interview, Hot Shots Golf 3 in fact provides a single "dot" for each grid line and the speed of the dot varies depending on the slope of the putting green. In contrast, the claims are directed, for example, to grid line elements that move at constant speed and whose number varies depending on slope or gradient. These features, among others, are not disclosed or suggested by Hot Shots Golf 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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